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Periscoping the Nation

Acheson's Answer
10 Megatons, C.O.B.
J.F.K.'s Harvard Job
Mao to K: No Thanks

The Inside Story

CAPITOL HILL — It's being kept quiet but National Security Agency defectors Bernon Mitchell and William Martin have now been linked to a vast Soviet spy network operating in the U.S., Cuba, and Mexico. Insiders hint darkly that further probing will bring to light "sensational information."

PENTAGON — Front-runner for the post of White House military aide under Kennedy: Brig. Gen. Chester V. (Ted) Clifton, now deputy chief of Army information.

DEMOCRATIC HQ — White House liaison man with Congress? Very likely Larry O'Brien, director of organization here. Kennedy calls him "the best election man in the business."

GEORGETOWN, D.C. — Who wrote Kennedy's answer to Khrushchev's message of congratulations? Top sources now disclose it was former Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Ahead of the News

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. — The Air Force is about to photograph Russia from a satellite, and the Reds will not know when it happens. Note: The satellite involved in this top-secret project is not the much-publicized Samos "spy in the sky."

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT — A blood-chilling forecast being made here: By 1964 Russia will be able to rocket a 10-megaton warhead into the U.S. with an accuracy of less than a mile off target. The warhead will have an explosive force of nearly 500 times the Hiroshima A-bomb.

PENTAGON — With pinpoint Soviet missileery in sight (see above), the Joint Chiefs are pushing for a fast-moving command ship, or better still, a submarine, from which to run the show if ICBM's knocked out Washington.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDING — Paul Nitze, former State Department policy planner who recently wrote a special report on national security

for Kennedy, is slated to serve the incoming Administration in the new post of White House adviser on military and foreign affairs. Note: Ike once wanted to set up Walter Bedell Smith in a similar job but Secretary Dulles balked.

About People

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. — Will President-elect John F. Kennedy continue to serve on the Harvard Board of Overseers? Yes.

KENNEDY HEADQUARTERS — Following the precedent set by Ike, Kennedy will probably deliver his own "State of the Union" message shortly after taking office. He'll touch on economic matters, but does not plan to submit new budget figures at that time.

GEORGETOWN, D.C. — Kennedy is boiling over Federal Reserve chairman Bill Martin's public threats to fight tooth-and-nail any attempts to dominate the FRB. Jack's aides claim Martin is putting a chip on his shoulder, and that their boss is quite prepared to knock it off.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDING — Dick Nixon has received about 30,000 letters of sympathy since his defeat, and as of last week they were still coming in at the rate of a thousand a day.

EMBASSY ROW — "You must be certain of 150 per cent Presidential support. If not, don't take the job." Treasury Secretary Anderson was talking to State Under Secretary Dillon on the plane back from Bonn. Dillon, often mentioned for the Treasury post under Kennedy, had asked Anderson just what qualifications are needed to handle the job.

Where Are They Now?

BETHESDA, MD. — John C. Doerfer, who resigned as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission last March while under fire for accepting a six-day vacation trip aboard the

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